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VISIT BY BARBARA BLUM (02.00)

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1. MRS. BLUM APPRECIATES INFORMATION TRANSMITTED IN REF A.
SHE REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY INFORM SOVIET SIDE THAT AN
IMPORTANT OFFICIAL COMMITMENT, WHICH HAS JUST MATERIALIZED,
WILL REQUIRE HER TO BE IN THE US ON SATURDAY, JULY 15. THIS
WILL OBLIGE MRS. BLUM TO DEPART MOSCOW THE MORNING OF FRIDAY,
JULY 14 (VIA SU 315 AT 0935).

2. MRS. BLUM ASKS THAT EMBASSY CONVEY TO SOVIET SIDE HER
REGRETS OVER ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS CHANGE OF PLANS MIGHT
CAUSE. BECAUSE SHE HOPES NOT TO SHORTEN HER TRIP DUE TO THIS
UNFORESEEN COMMITMENT, MRS. BLUM WOULD BE ABLE TO ARRIVE IN
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MOSCOW WITH SHOSTAL AND POPKIN ONE DAY EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY
PLANNED, I.E., ON FRIDAY, JULY 7, AT 1620 ON BE 708. PLEASE
ASK SOVIET SIDE IF ARRIVAL ON JULY 7 WOULD BE AGREEABLE.

3. MRS. BLUM IS ALSO MOST APPRECIATIVE OF EMBASSY'S OFFER
TO HOST RECEPTION ON TUESDAY, JULY 11. IN HER VIEW, HOW-
EVER, THE ALTERNATIVE CHOICE OF AN EMBASSY-HOSTED WORKING

LUNCH ON MONDAY, JULY 10 IS MORE ATTRACTIVE IN THAT IT WOULD PERMIT HER TO ACCEPT SOVIET OFFER TO ARRANGE A CULTURAL PROGRAM ON TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 11. HER FIRST PREFERENCE WOULD BE A BALLET.

4. SHOSTAL'S DEPARTURE PLANS REMAIN AS OUTLINED IN REF C. MRS. POPKIN ALSO INTENDS TO REMAIN IN THE USSR UNTIL JULY 16. WE WILL CABLE HER DEPARTURE PLANS ASAP.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY CABLE REVISED PROGRAM FOR BLUM VISIT TAKING ACCOUNT OF SOVIET PREFERENCE RE DATE FOR DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL IN USSR. VANCE

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